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SUBJECT: VIP OPENING OF EARTH STATION

SATURDAY EVENING, MIN. ENERGY AND COMMUNICATIONS LOUIS
SYLVESTRE DISCUSSED WITH ME OPENING OF NEW CABLE AND
WIRELESS EARTH SATELLITE STATION. CONSTRUCTION IS MOVING AHEAD
WELL AND THEY-GOB AND C&W-CONTINUE BE OPTIMISTIC TESTING
PROCEDURES WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST. MAJOR COMPONENTS OF STATION
ARE US MANUFACTURE.

SYLVESTRE PLANS FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY ON/ABOUT 15 OCTOBER.
MAJOR POINT HE PUT WAS THIS: HE WILL BE MAKING THREE CALLS
DURING CEREMONIES; ONE WILL BE TO MIN. POSTS IN LONDON, ONE
WILL BE TO UN (PRESUMABLY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION
UNION IN GENEVA) AND ONE WILL BE TO THE US. MINISTER
SUGGESTED HE MIGHT CALL SEC'Y. BROCK ADAMS AS BEING MOST
CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND WHOM HE HAD MET
RECENTLY DURING CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS. AS ALTERNATIVES,
I SUGGESTED NEWLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT SEC'Y VAKY; OR THE GOVERNOR
OF A STATE WITH WHICH BELIZE HAS CLOSE RELATIONS SUCH AS
LOUISIANA, FLORIDA OR MICHIGAN. SYLVESTRE WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO
GO TO SOMEONE AT CABINET LEVEL; HE NOTED THAT US IS MOST
IMPORTANT TO BELIZE, STRESSED LONG HISTORY OF BELIZE/US
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TRADE AND SOCIAL RELATIONS AND GENERALLY PULLED OUT ALL THE
STOPS.

THIS SEEMS A REASONABLE REQUEST; WE DON'T DO MUCH FOR BELIZE,
IT'S FREE AND WON'T TAKE MUCH TIME. IT SHOULDN'T UPSET THE
GUATEMALANS WND WILL MAKE A NICE STORY HERE IN BELIZE. GOB
IS VERY PROUD OF EARTH STATION; IT WILL CERTAINLY EASE OUR

OWN DREADFUL COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS. SYLVESTRE STRONGLY WANTS SOME ONE AT CABINET LEVEL; HE IS GETTING-OR CLAIMS TO BE GETTING SUCH IN UK (I'LL CHECK WITH BELIZE HOUSE IN A WEEK OR TWO TO CONFIRM). POST DEFINITELY FEELS THE TEN MINUTES OR SO OF CABINET LEVEL TIME, PLUS PLANNING EFFORT WOULD BE VERY MUCH WORTH WHILE.

ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT PERSUE WITH SEC'Y. ADAMS THE POSSIBILITY OF A RECEIVING A CEREMONIAL PHONE FROM SYLVESTRE IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING EARTH STATION HERE.
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